



Los Angeles County Commission on Local Governmental Services

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MINUTES

Meeting of February 4, 2003
830 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
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Chairperson
Richard J. Rosenthal, CRE

Vice-Chairperson
Patricia G. Gray
Wendy M. Brogin,
A.I.C.P.
Walter P. Coombs
Shana E. Epstein.
Gordon Gray
Rodrigo A. Guerra, Jr.
Algird Leiga
Sharon Martinez
Deborah H. O'Connor
Kenneth D. Rozell
William Selditz
David Spence
Terri Tippit
Benjamin "Frank" Venti

Chairperson Rosenthal called the meeting order at 10:04 a.m.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Rosenthal reported that new Commissioner Angela Gibson is scheduled to be appointed today by the Second District.

The County's Annual Report for 2002-03 and the Quality and Productivity Newsletter are available for interested Commissioners.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 7, 2003

On motion of Gordon Gray, seconded by Richard Rosenthal, the Commission unanimously approved the January 7, 2003 minutes.

NEW ISSUES DISCUSSION

Bruce Staniforth, Economy and Efficiency Commission reported on the Citizen's Economy and Efficiency Commission and the Chief Administrative Office development plans for permit streamlining and internal communications coordination. Mr. Staniforth also reported that the EEC is evaluating where the County is in its economic development and where the County should be headed.

Chairperson Rosenthal requested that Commissioner Stitzenberger coordinate with Mr. Staniforth next week to discuss the joint EEC/CAO project.

Commissioner Leiga reported on a memo regarding the migration for affordable housing resulting in the movement of jobs and business to these areas as well.

Commissioners discussed the rail transportation system for the east side of the County including the East Alameda Corridor with improved grade crossings and the Los Angeles to Pasadena route with an extension to Claremont using the Santa Fe right-of-way. Commissioner Leiga reported of attempts by the California High Speed Rail Authority, the Magnetic Levitation (Mag-Lev) project and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to secure the necessary funding to build these lines.

Commissioner Leiga advised the Commission that until the State's budget deficit is resolved there is no need to invite any of the transportation representatives to discuss the matter.

Chairperson Rosenthal inquired about the plan to construct an elevated truck route along Route 60. Commissioner Leiga noted that it is still in the discussion phase but there is a lot of opposition to the plan.

Chairperson Rosenthal inquired about the efforts of Caltrans to alleviate the congestion on the 105 Freeway at LAX cited the Salt Lake City as a model of interagency coordination to improve the city's traffic congestion issue.

Chairperson Rosenthal requested Commissioners Brogin, Epstein and Leiga meet and clearly define the issue identifying all involved parties and potential solutions. The purpose is to determine if a project is viable and determine if a committee can be established and who the members would be at a later time. He asked that they report back to the Commission by next month with their findings.

Commissioner Spence suggested that Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) be contacted since this organization also deals in transportation issues.

DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE ENTITLED "CITY: FIRE OFFICIALS' APPROVAL A TOUGH SELL"

Commissioner Coombs' article regarding contractors' concerns securing construction permits from various fire agencies was included in the information meeting packet.

Commissioner Coombs reported on the apparent overregulation in the permitting processes for construction, repair and modernization of existing buildings with particular emphasis on the County Fire Department.

Commissioner Brogin noted that in rural areas the situation is hindered by the federal government.

Commissioner Leiga reported that the County Fire Department has three problem areas including inconsistent regulations, overreaching regulations and slowness. These are areas that the Commission should ask the County Fire Department to come in and address. Chairperson Rosenthal stated that the Commission has had successful responses from the County Fire Department in the past. Another concern was the inability of various fire departments and law enforcement agencies to coordinate during an emergency. Another concern is the lack of uniform emergency preparedness for each department and between county boundaries.

Commissioner Spence recommended that the Commission invite a representative from the various contract cities to discuss how their city deals with the County Fire Department's regulations and the coordination between these cities and cities with their own fire departments.

The Commission also considered a study of the "911" system and how telephone calls are dispatched. Chairperson Rosenthal requested Commissioner Lee contact Angela Gibson and ask her to research this issue for the Commission.

Chairperson Rosenthal suggested that the Commission review the issues discussed today, determine the Board of Supervisors' interest in each issue by discussing it with the District's Chief Deputy for the purpose of introducing a motion authorizing the Commission with the assistance of the CAO, investigate the issues in depth. Additionally, if the contract cities, independent cities and the City of Los Angeles would join in urging such a project with the County being the lead entity that it could speed thing up.

Commissioner Spence reported that the City of Brea has an excellent computer system that would be of interest to the Commission and possibly to the County. Chairperson Rosenthal requested that Commissioner Spence contact Brea's Information Systems Manager and invite the individual to attend a future meeting and discuss the effectiveness of the city's system.

STUDY COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE STATUS REPORTS

There were none.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR A FUTURE MEETING)

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Rosenthal, Chairperson
Wendy Brogin
Walter Coombs
Shana Epstein
Gordon Gray
Rodrigo A. Guerra, Jr.
Errick Lee
Algird Leiga

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Patricia Stitzenberger, Vice Chair
Arden F.A. "Shorty" Feldbush
Kenneth D. Rozell
William Selditz
Edward H.J. Wilson

STAFF

Martha Littlefield

Sharon Martinez
David Spence

GUEST

Bruce Staniforth, Executive Director, LAC Citizens' Economy Efficiency Commission